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Note by the Secretariat

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I. AGENDA

The Fifth Meeting of the States Parties 1/ to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Election of the Chairman.

3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Election of other officers of the meeting.

5. Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, of 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 16 April 1990.

6. Other matters.

II. OFFICERS OF THE FIFTH MEETING

The Meeting elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia);

Vice-Chairmen: Ms. Martha Duenas de Whist (Ecuador);
H.E. Mr. Noumou Diakite (Mali);
Mr. Marek Zawacki (Poland);
Mr. Tahsin Burcougly (Turkey).

III. DECISIONS OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE STATES PARTIES

A. Election of twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Government of Poland informed the Meeting that it had withdrawn its candidate. In accordance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 2/ article 17, the States parties elected 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to replace

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1/ The States parties are listed in annex I to the present document.

2/ General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979.

those whose terms of office would expire on 16 April 1990. The following members were elected by secret ballot for a term of four years, beginning 16 April 1990:

Ms. Charlotte Abaka	Ghana
Ms. Ryoko Akamatsu	Japan
Ms. Emma Aouij	Tunisia
Ms. Dora Gladys Nancy Bravo Nuñez de Ramsey	Ecuador
Ms. Ivanka Corti	Italy
Ms. Norma Forde	Barbados
Ms. Zagorka Ilic	Yugoslavia
Ms. Tatjana [illegible]aeva	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Ms. Teresita Quintos-Deles	Philippines
Ms. Lin Shangzhen	China
Ms. Mervat Tallawy	Egypt
Ms. Rose N. Ukeje	Nigeria

B. Sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

The Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 43/100 of 8 December 1988 and 44/73 of 8 December 1989, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/26 of 26 May 1988 and 1989/44 of 24 May 1989,

Bearing in mind the relevant articles of the Convention that provide the mandate for the Committee,

1. Notes with appreciation the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

2. Welcomes the continuing efforts made by the Committee to rationalize its procedures and to expedite the consideration of periodic reports;

3. Recognizes the special relevance of the periodic reports of the States parties to the Convention to the efforts of the Commission on the Status of Women

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to review and appraise the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 3/ in the countries of those States parties;

4. Notes with satisfaction the holding of the pre-session Working Group which greatly expedited the work of the Committee and recommends that this practice be continued;

5. Also notes with satisfaction the support given to the Committee by the Secretariat;

6. Further notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Secretary-General in response to the request made by the States parties at its Fourth Meeting 4/ by providing for serviced meetings for informal consultation of the States parties prior to their meeting in 1990.

C. Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Fifth Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Bearing in mind that currently a total of thirty-two initial and thirty-seven periodic reports to be submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women under article 18 of the Convention are overdue,

Noting with concern that such a backlog is impeding the work of the Committee and the effective implementation of the Convention,

Taking into account General recommendation No. 11, adopted at the eighth session of the Committee, whereby the Committee recommended to States parties that they should encourage, support and co-operate in projects for technical advisory services, including training seminars, to assist States parties on their request in fulfilling their reporting obligations under article 18 of the Convention,

Taking into consideration the need to prepare States parties' reports in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Committee,

1. Recognizes that the preparation of reports under the Convention poses particular challenges to States parties;

3/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

4/ CEDAW/SP/14, sect. III.E.

2. Underlines the importance of the organization of training courses which would contribute to strengthening the skills of government officials responsible for the preparation and drafting of such reports and would, therefore, enhance their quality and timely submission;

3. Welcomes initiatives to provide regional training courses on the preparation and drafting of States parties' reports for government officials and urges the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations to support such initiatives.

ANNEX I

States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women as at 2 February 1990 (100)

Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Bhutan
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Canada
Cape Verde
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Democratic Yemen
Denmark
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
German Democratic Republic
Germany, Federal Republic of
Ghana
Greece
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
Indonesia
Iraq
Ireland
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritius
Mexico
Mongolia
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Korea
Romania
Rwanda
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Thailand
Togo
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
Uruguay
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yugoslavia
Zaire
Zambia

ANNEX II

List of documents issued for the Fifth Meeting of States Parties

Document No.	Title
CEDAW/SP/13/Rev.1	Reservations, declarations, notifications and objections relating to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CEDAW/SP/15	Provisional agenda
CEDAW/SP/16 and Add.1 and 2	Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, of 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 16 April 1990